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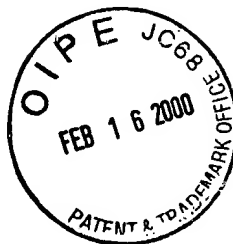
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-232992, published August 19, 1994.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-79830, published March 22, 1996.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-90200, published March 29, 1994.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-343094, published December 13, 1994.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

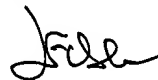
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated December 7, 1999, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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